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That's the view of a Northwestern University psychologist who says most people spend too much time looking at their so-called betters.

"Stop brooding over your shortcomings and put greater emphasis on your abilities," said Prof. A.C. Van Dusen. "Nobody can be 100 percent so be realistic in assessing yourself."

Everyone can look at people who are less lucky than they are as well as those who seem to hold superior positions in life, he said.

"From the lowliest clerk to the president of the company," he said, every employee is superior to another and at the same time subordinate to the man above him."

Beauty Expert Views New Hair Styles

By Florence Mills

PARIS. A WOMAN should change her hair style as often as dress styles change, if not more often," says Paul Edwards, a young hair stylist in charge of beauty salons in New York, London and Paris. "As soon as a hairdo is old-fashioned, it is aging to the woman who wears it," he says firmly. "Short hair is the vogue now and the sooner women get around to it the better they will look."

This good-looking Englishman, who spent the six war years flying with the R.A.F., makes a steady round of the three big cities.

SHORT-AND-CHIC

On beautiful Paris models he showed how different ways of dressing short hair can conjure chic sophistication or carefree naturalness, whichever is desired.

Jet black hair brushed back and curled into vertical sweeps at the back, had the front hair chopped short into a wave side-fringe that encroached boyishly onto the forehead. He set off this sophisticated style by clipping colossal diamond plumes to the back and top of the head.

Sonja's New "Ice" Music

By PATRICIA CLARY

HOLLYWOOD—Take six Martini glasses (empty) and clang them together and you'll get some idea of the new kind of "ice" music that will accompany Sonja Henie when she dances on ice in "The Countess of Monte Cristo."

Leith Stevens, the composer, said his frozen re-bop was the kind of music "that keeps you cool in the summer and warm in the winter." "I tried to think of something that was as daring and individualistic as Sonja's costumes and her dancing," he said. "I hunted around until I found a bunch of little-used instruments that remind you of a clear, frosty morning."

As a result, Sonja will pirouette to bells. She'll pivot to pizzicato. She'll slide to the tinkle of a xylophone. The triangle also appears in the icy opus.

Likes Triangle

"Most people never appreciated the musical depths of a triangle," Stevens said. "I hope my musical score will give it a new lease on life."

Stevens said Miss Henie was mighty happy about the whole musical set-up, including the triangles.

"She said it was the best thing that had happened to her since she had her first skates," he said. "Of course, I don't think it's that good."

The composer said that Miss Henie directly inspired the music she skates to.

"I was her first scenes and thought, 'Wouldn't it be wonderful if I could get music to sparkle as she does.' I tried a lot of different orchestrations, and this is the final result."

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A brief bob that bent outwards by the very ends and a "bubble" cut crushed sleek to the side from a parting which ran nonstop from forehead to neck, both lent extreme youthfulness to the models.

"MATA HARI" EFFECT

He displayed ingenuity by employing goldmesh sausage-thick bracelets, peppered with diamonds, as earclips to accompany a blond hairstyle which had the hair brushed straight back from the forehead and fashioned into three huge sweeps on the top of the head. A real "Mata Hari" effect was achieved because the model wore a slinky hooded gown of black crepe.

Asked about the suitability of short hair for present day fashions, Paul Edwards said he considered it imperative for the new-type hats and new-type clothes.

"Women look like a lot of grandmothers who have their hair flapping around their necks when they wear the new-style clothes," he laughed. "I wonder why women are so reluctant to change their hairdos. They can't realise how much a change does them good."

Around The Town

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THE works of a Chinese and an Australian painter will be jointly shown at St John's Cathedral Hall next Monday.

Mr K. K. Lim is well-known in local art circles, having exhibited in Hongkong in 1938. He is a native of Amoy, and went to Cambridge to study law. Although he received his degree, he gave up law to follow his inclinations, which took him to the Slade School of Art in London, where Mr Lim studied under the famous Professor Tonks.

Art at Slade, said Mr Lim, follows very conservative lines. Many painters have their own ideas about how they would like to paint, but do not have the means. Mr Lim has been fortunate this way and can paint as he pleases, rather than be bound by convention. He has no special theories about art, but can talk about it by the hour. In order to improve, Mr Lim thinks one must be able to detach oneself and criticise one's own painting.

He believes it is possible to paint quickly and paint well, but the more time a painter takes over his work, the more thought he is likely to put into it and the more noticeable in a painting.

Mr Lim has a Swiss wife who also paints.

Mr Arthur Lindsay is the Australian artist, and has given several exhibitions in his own country. He was interned here in Stanley during the war, and in 1946 showed some of the sketches he did in camps.

His paintings are very colourful. He prefers landscapes and has found much inspiration in the fields and villages of Hongkong. He intends to stay here for about six months before going back home.

Mr Lindsay can be amusing. Talking about a mutual friend—a girl artist who recently got married—he showed surprise and said, "What, is she married, but I thought she was going to be an artist!"

The exhibition will be opened by Mr R. Bruce.

A very promising young singer will be the guest artist at the choral and orchestral concert to be given next Thursday at the China Fleet Club in aid of the Home for the Aged.

Jeannette Ho is Professor Guadalupe's pupil, and studied with him in Macao during the war. She took part in several concerts there and sang in Peral's "Resurrection of Christ" and as Amina in Bellini's "La Sonnambula."

She is small and modest, but her voice has much carrying power. A lyrical soprano, she will sing a classical Chinese piece at the coming concert. I believe this is the first time a Chinese melody will be sung with full western orchestra.

Encouraged by the success of their bazaar last year, the YMCA Ladies are having another tomorrow in the West Lounge. Part of the proceeds will go to the Fanling Babies' Home.

At one of their sewing circle meetings I saw some of the lovely work being prepared for the hand-work stalls; there will be many ideal gifts for Christmas presents. There were children's garments, hot water bottle cases, clothes hangers, and dress cases and plenty of rag dolls for the children. The ladies ordered felt from Australia to make many of the gifts, and have also done a lot of knitting.

Apart from the handwork stalls, there will be slide shows for the kiddies, and even a real Santa Claus. Mrs P.B. Cassidy will open the bazaar.

Begin Now to Outwit Wrinkles



To help prevent wrinkles, cream your face every night, making sure to include your neck.

By HELEN FOLLETT

SAGGING tissues and weakened facial muscles are the forerunners of wrinkles. That is why one cannot start too early to keep one's portrait young and fair. It can be done. There are women of seventy whose faces carry no plain tucks or creases. They got an early start in the good looks game. They used creams freely. They tapped and patted their sacred complexions. They respected the common laws of health, ate wisely, got plenty of sleep, exercised daily, one way or another.

Also, they never acquired the bad habit of talking with their faces, lifting the eyebrows to form railroad tracks from one side to the other, frowning, squinting, pulling down the mouth corners. Facial acrobatics are senseless. Many wrinkles are the expression of emotions, and sometimes the emotions are not pleasant ones. So one might say that one way to avoid furrows and gullies is to keep sweet. After washing your face at night—and it doesn't matter whether

you are twenty or sixty—dry it with gentle pats, apply a soothing emollient, rubbing upward and outward with the balls of the fingers. Be sure to include your neck. Then slap briskly. The purpose of that treatment is to make the blood streams dance. One job of the blood streams is to bring nourishment to those very cells.

Harsh methods, like sending the finger in wide circles over the cheeks, only add to the general wear and tear that goes on, especially in middle life. Movements must be quick, brisk, gentle, stimulating.

If you give your face a thorough soaping and rinsing at night and apply a creamy cosmetic, all you need to do in the morning is to apply cold water to bring refreshment and good colouring. If the skin is oily an astringent can be applied afterwards. Witch hazel will serve this purpose.

Dip pads of cotton in witch hazel, slap on the skin, let it dry.



Let's Eat

BY
IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Scottish Food With Odd Names

"WILL Madam please translate the menu she has written on this kitchen slate?" asked the Chef. "There are several items I do not comprehend."

I smiled. "That's a menu based on Scottish dishes. We start with pan kale soup."

"Does that mean that we pan-fry the kale, then add the water?" he asked.

"No; it merely means the soup is cooked in a sauce pan instead of the big kettle—generally used for the soup-making in Scotland."

"And those oat-wafers. Do you mean the oatmeal crackers?"

"No; they are thin oat-cakes made at home and traditionally baked on a girdle."

"Girdle!" the Chef looked flabbergasted.

"That's merely the Scotch way of pronouncing griddle!" I hastily explained.

"But what are these kidney collops?" he went on. "I have heard of the scallops, but I have never heard of kidneys in scallops."

"Collops" has nothing to do with fish," I assured him. "It's just the Scots word for bite-sized pieces of meat."

"And these 'stoved' potatoes?" he continued.

"Stoved" is a Scottish method of cooking vegetables or other foods by boiling over the embers on the hearth in a small amount of liquid that's always served with them."

"Now," continued the Chef, "the stowed turnips I know. The stowed plums I know. But here you have also the 'petticoat tails'! Is it that my education has been neglected? I did not know that 'petticoat tails' belonged to menu."

I laughed. "Well, that's an old-fashioned name for Scottish cookies that are cut out, baked and arranged so they look like the skirt-hoops of ancient court ladies."

"Very good, Madame," said the Chef. "I shall be very happy to work out the recipes for these dishes with the strange names."

Dinner
Pan Kale Soup Oat Wafers
Stewed Kidney Collops
Stewed Turnips
Stewed Plums
Petticoat Tails
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)
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Recipes Serve Four

Pan Kale Soup
Combine 5 c. hot soup stock (any kind) with 1 1/2 c. fine-chopped, well cleaned kale and 3 tbsp. rolled oats. Stir 1 min., then cover and simmer about 25 min., or until the kale is tender.

Oat Wafers
These are cracker-like in consistency. Put 1 c. rolled oats through the food chopper to make a coarse meal. Add 1 c. plain dry rolled oats, then 2 c. sifted all-purpose flour, 1 tsp. sugar, 1/2 tsp. salt and 1/4 tsp. baking soda. Sift together. Melt 1/3 c. lard in 1/2 c. hot water, and

stir into the mix. It will be quite dry, so press lightly together. If necessary add a little more water. Turn half at a time on a lightly floured board or pastry cloth, roll as thin as possible into oblong shape. Dip a sharp knife in flour and cut in strips 1" x 3". Place on an oiled cookie sheet and bake 12-15 min. in a moderate oven, 350 to 375 F. Makes about 60. They keep indefinitely.

Kidney Collops

Wash, remove the membranes and the white "eyes" from 2 beef kidneys. Cut into bite-sized pieces, or collops. Soak 10 min. in water to cover, containing 1 tsp. salt. Drain and dry on absorbent paper. Dust with 3 tbsp. flour. Brown in a heavy stew pan in 3 tbsp. margarine or butter. Pour in 2 c. boiling water or stock; add 1/2 c. minced mild onion, 1 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. pepper, 1 tsp. minced parsley, 1 tsp. table mustard and 1 tsp. vinegar. Drain from pickled onions, or use herb-flavoured vinegar. Cover and simmer about 50 min., or until the "collops" are tender. Serve with fried parsley.

"Stoved" Potatoes

Scrub and peel 8 small potatoes. Put in a heavy 2-qt. sauce pan; add just enough boiling water to cover the bottom, about 1 c. Sprinkle with 1 tsp. salt. Dot with 1 tsp. butter or margarine. Cover and simmer until the potatoes are tender and soft enough to divide in halves. Then, on a slightly floured party board of cloth, roll rather thin into a good-sized circle. Place a dinner plate on the paste and cut around the edge with a sharp knife or pastry cutter to make a big round.

Then cut a smaller round from the centre of this with a small saucer—this will leave a ring. Keep the smaller round whole; but cut the ring into 8 even-sized "petticoat tails." Place carefully in a pan lined with waxed paper; brush lightly with a little beaten egg yolk. Bake about 15 min., or until light golden brown. In a hot oven, 400 F. Cool.

Put the round cake in the middle of a large serving plate, and arrange the "petticoat tails" around it. Cut the remnants of dough, dust with granulated sugar and bake as small cookies.

"Petticoat Tails"

Mix 2 tsp. caraway seeds, 1/4 tsp. salt, 1/2 c. granulated sugar and 1/2 c. cake flour in a deep bowl. Make a "well" in the middle. Pour in 1/2 c. margarine melted in 1/2 c. warmed milk. Mix with a fork or spoon until the mixture holds together. Knead slightly—just enough to make it the consistency of ordinary pie dough. Divide in halves. Then, on a slightly floured party board of cloth, roll rather thin into a good-sized circle. Place a dinner plate on the paste and cut around the edge with a sharp knife or pastry cutter to make a big round. Then cut a smaller round from the centre of this with a small saucer—this will leave a ring. Keep the smaller round whole; but cut the ring into 8 even-sized "petticoat tails." Place carefully in a pan lined with waxed paper; brush lightly with a little beaten egg yolk. Bake about 15 min., or until light golden brown. In a hot oven, 400 F. Cool.

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Trick Of The Chef
To fry parsley, first cut off the long stems of sprigs of parsley with plenty of leaves. Wash thoroughly, then drain, and dry on absorbent paper. Fry about 2 min., or until crisp in hot fat to cover. Drain on 1/3 c. lard in 1/2 c. hot water, and

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



CHIPMUNK CHAPEAU—Chipper, a trained chipmunk, munches a grape sitting on top of Judy Nichols' head. The eight-year-old Phoenix (Arizona) girl has trained the housebroken little pet to pull a toy wagon by means of a special harness.



ROAR-LION-ROAR!—It's the annual Sophomore-freshman rush at Columbia University in New York. This shirtless, bedrugged specimen of a freshman is getting a going over by some rough upper-classmen. The freshmen were trying to capture a dummy attached to the top of a very greasy pole but, as is usually the case, the upper-classmen had the upper hand.



PICKING THE BEAUTIES—Blondes, brunettes and red-heads line up for inspection by Roy Fox, who was trying to pick London's six prettiest show girls for the opening of the Circus Room at Murray's Club.



SWEET CORN SWEETHEARTS—Governor Dwight H. Green of Illinois crowns Jean Edwards of White-water (Wisconsin), "Sweet Corn Sweetheart" in Hoopston (Illinois). Watchful attendants are runners-up Patricia Clark, left, of Ada, Ohio, and Norma Newcomer, the Illinois entry.



RETURN TO THE GOOD OLD DAYS—Dr Jay Rice Moody takes his family for a ride along the main street of Newport (Rhode Island), in this 1908 four-cylinder Cadillac. They were getting set for a "Gay Nineties" celebration featuring old fashioned bikes, bustles, horses and buggies.

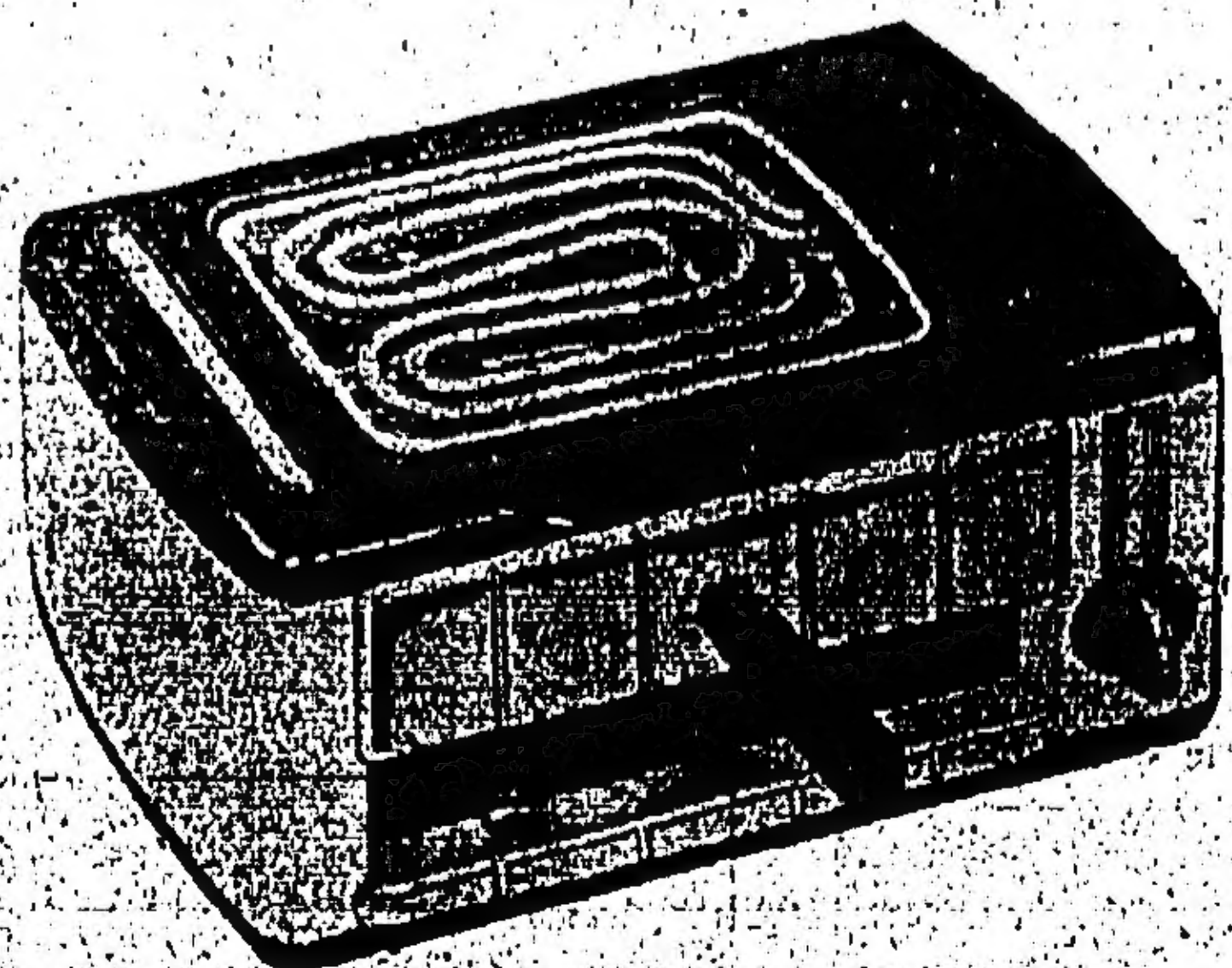


"WAITING"—That is the title of this prize-winning amateur photo in a contest held by an American dog research centre. Apparently dejected and homeless, the two canines were huddled by the door of this vacant house when Louis A. Puggard of Detroit snapped this photo.



STRICTLY FRESH—Sweet corn delivered to the house, as demonstrated by Cathy Gregorich of Chicago, with ice frozen around the ripened ears would be the ultimate in sweet roasting corn. Prof. Ross Kelly of the University of Illinois Department of Agriculture says sweet corn loses much of its sugar content a few hours after it is picked.

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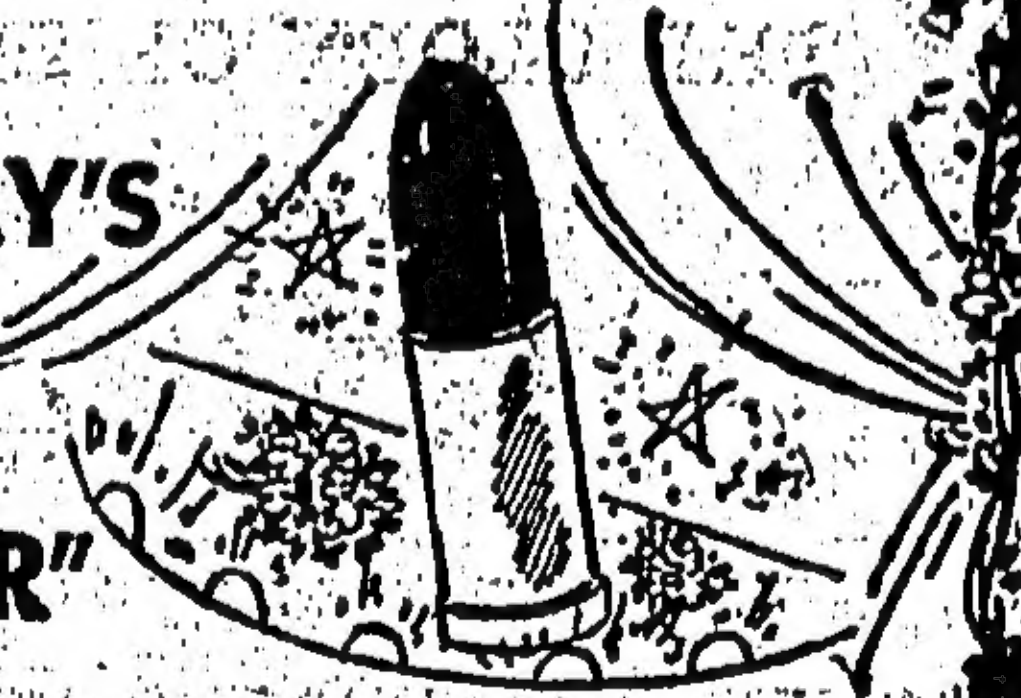
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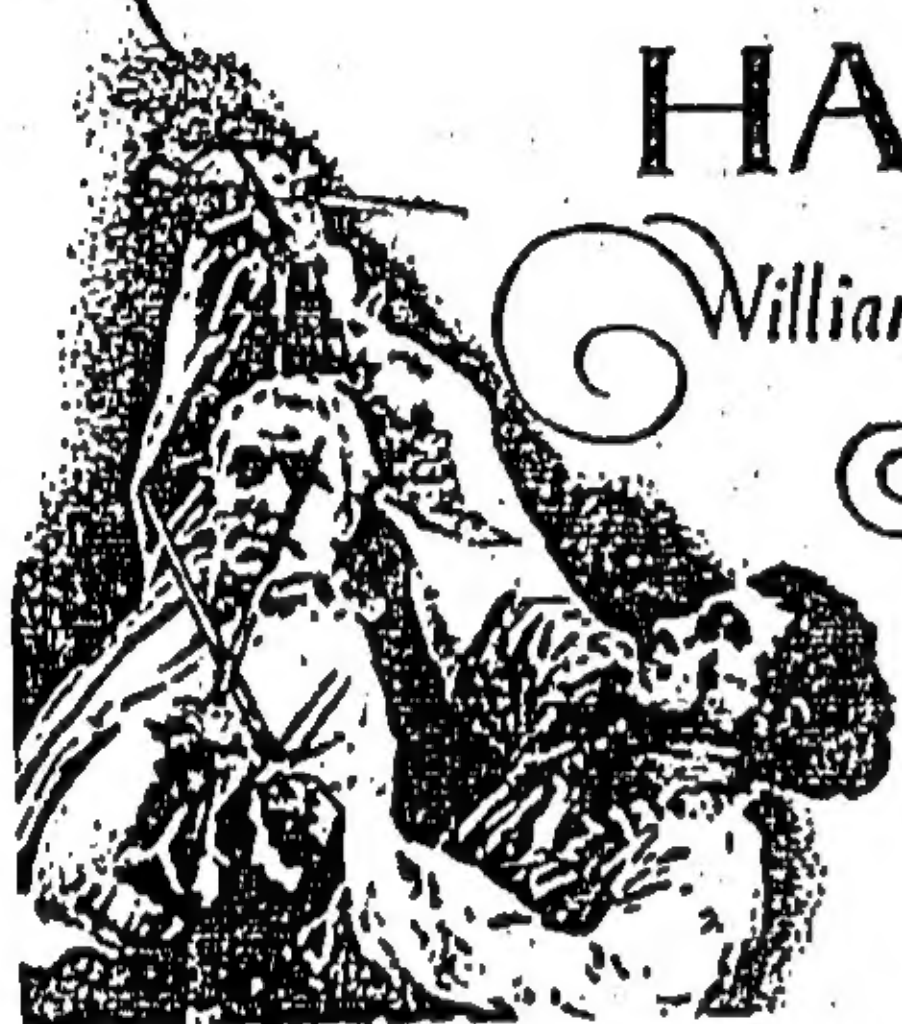
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NEXT CHANGE: ERROL FLYNN in "ESCAPE ME NEVER"

Is there such a thing as a controlled free press? That is the question occupation authorities in Germany have faced in rebuilding German newspapers on a democratic foundation. Recently 15 Western Zone editors took the answer to America, where they went to study U.S. press methods. Their story is told by S. Burton Heath, who is one of the U.S. experts helping to teach the German editors.

WHEN General Lucius Clay decided to fight fire with fire, and encourage the English-language press in Germany to criticize Soviet faults, he invited the licensed German-language press to go along.

Felix Richter, editor of Sueddeutsche Allgemeine, a newspaper published in Pforzheim, in Wurttemberg-Baden, decided not to accept the invitation. He told his decision in an editorial that explained his reasons.

"The German people have been fed propaganda for years," he says. "The new German press in the American and English zones has been trying hard to print nothing but facts in its news columns, and we have made some progress in winning the confidence of our readers. But they are still suspicious."

"I felt and said that if, now, we joined the Americans in constant criticism of the Soviet Union and Communism, my readers would decide I wasn't really free, but was just a puppet of the U.S. occupation authorities. And I felt, and said, that I thought we could do a lot more good telling the virtues of western democracy than telling the faults of Russian Communism."

Nobody in the military government ever tried to make Richter change his mind, and when the military government selected 15 western zone editors to go to the U.S. to learn how

HOW FREE IS THE CONTROLLED GERMAN PRESS?

BY S. BURTON HEATH

a free press functions, he was one of those chosen.

"I think," he said as we waited for lunch at Columbia University, where a six-week seminar is being conducted for the Germans by the American Press Institute, "that this is a pretty good proof that the German press in the U.S. zone really is free."

During four of the six weeks the editors sat in on daily discussion groups led by American

newspapermen selected as specialists in different branches of the work. The seminar and the editors' expenses were financed by the Rockefeller Foundation.

I was privileged to talk to one of these sessions. Before it, I visited different German editors. I doubt that one could go through such an experience—having in mind the prewar background of the German press and, for that mat-

ter, of the Continental press as a whole—without feeling that there is a real possibility for democracy in the war-shattered Reich.

The men with whom I talked, and those who asked questions during and after the talks, showed a deep and apparently genuine interest in the sort of democracy we know. They indicated an intelligent realization of the long, hard row they must hoe before they can win their readers' full confidence and teach them what democracy really means.

The 15 editors and publishers at the seminar were carefully selected by the military government from the U.S., British and French zones. The yardstick used had three parts: anti-Naziism and anti-Communism plus proven love for democracy; ability as journalists; and position in which to influence public opinion by printing facts.

Most of them are young for the jobs they hold. Richter, one of the most impressive, is 36. Helmut Meyer-Dietrich, chief editor of Der Tagesspiegel, which has the largest circulation of any American-licensed paper, is 39. Eugen Kogon, publisher of Frankfurter Hefte, a cultural and political magazine, is 45. Dolf Sternberger,

Five of the 15 German editors studying American newspaper methods in the U.S. discuss their new freedom with the author of this article. Left to right: Helmut Meyer-Dietrich, Dolf Sternberger, Felix Richter, S. Burton Heath, Eugen Kogon, Werner Karsunky.

editor of Die Wandlung, a magazine published in Heidelberg, is 40. Werner Karsunky, news editor of DENA, co-operative news agency, is 32.

Few of them had much journalistic experience before the war. But when all Nazis had been weeded out of the German press, the job had to be turned over to men with limited experience. Their eagerness to learn, at the Institute sessions, proved that they realize their limitations and are anxious to get the answers. Almost without exception they are men who suffered for their anti-Naziism before and during the war. Kogon spent seven years in Buchenwald. Walter Gung, publisher and editor of Nordsee Zeitung, was sent to a concentration camp in 1939. Heinrich Kierzeck, editor and publisher of Fuldaer Volkszeitung, was sentenced to death for secret anti-Nazi writings. Josef Eberle, cultural editor of the Stuttgarter Zeitung, was discharged from a radio job in 1933 as an anti-Nazi, put in a concentration camp, and when released was forbidden to write and publish.

Kogon and Sternberger, magazine editors, were the only ones with whom I talked who had any doubt that American and British military governments are giving the licensed press complete freedom. It was agreed that the French maintain a rigid censorship, though not so complete as that in the Soviet zone.

Kogon has published considerable criticism of the occupation authorities, including one article in which he contended that the press in the U.S. zone is not actually free. At one of the seminar sessions, Richter took him to task for this viewpoint.

"You have raked the military government over the coals pretty hard," he said. "You have accused them of not being democratic in their regulation of the licensed press. Yet when you selected editors to come here, you were one of the best to control what you think and say?"

Accent Is On Work In Tito's 'Workers' Heaven'

By LEO STOECKER

IN the capital of Marshal Tito's new "workers' paradise" the accent is on work. Foreigners in Belgrade hotels are awakened before seven a.m. by the clatter of store shutters going up for the day and the tramp of government office workers on their way to their bureaucratic chores.

The working day lasts 12 hours, six days a week. But Sunday is no day of rest. Then thousands of zealous party members, men and women, march through the streets singing on their way to put in a day's voluntary labour rebuilding Yugoslavia's roads and railways.

But this symphony of work is not entirely harmonious. In contrast to the enthusiasm of the volunteers is the indifference of clerks in the state-operated retail stores. With the incentives for salesmanship gone, they take little interest in disposing of their pitifully skimpy stocks. One clerk refused to sell a silver brooch which had caught the eye of an American newsmen in a store window. It was too much trouble, he said, to break up the window display.

Indifferent or enthusiastic, however, most Serbs seem to favour

Tito's "new order"—Western hopes to the contrary notwithstanding. It may work them 72 hours a week, but it is solving the housing shortage. It may pay them too little, but it is giving them better transportation. It may collect an on-the-spot fine of 10 dinars (20 cents) for jay-walking, but it has cleared the capital's streets of beggars.

The reconstruction of Belgrade since it was last there two years ago is impressive. Of 12,000 flats destroyed by bombing, some 4,000 have been repaired, another 3,500 new ones built, and 5,000 more are under construction.

MODERN HIGHWAY

A modern highway was begun this year, with volunteer labour, to replace the unimproved road between Belgrade and Zagreb, Yugoslavia's second largest city. It is scheduled to be the first in a chain of super-highways. The railways are also being rebuilt. But the brightest transportation improvement is the fleet of shiny red trolley buses, built in Italy's Fiat works, which has replaced the old street cars on Marshal Tito Street.

They are a welcome addition. The city's 12 taxicabs disappear from the streets when gasoline gets short

at the end of the month. There are few bicycles. The Germans carted most of them away and there are no new ones from the prewar sources, Italy and Germany.

The gasoline shortage hooks up with the Cominform charges against Tito. Humanitarian and Albanian supplies have been curtailed since then, but there is still some automobile traffic. Most of the cars are Czech-built Skodas or rear-engine Tatras, but there are some American makes. Most of them belong to the United States diplomatic corps. The government also owns a few, and Marshal Tito's son flashes about the city in a Buick convertible.

There aren't many diversions for the Belgrade citizen at the end of his 12-hour working day. The most popular in Belgrade, as in other European cities, is the cinema. During his stroll he is exposed to an abundance of reading matter. Book shops are the most numerous of the city's retail outlets, but their contents can scarcely be classified as entertainment. Most of the literature is party-line propaganda extolling the glories of the Tito regime and the USSR. The only periodical available in English is the Moscow "New Times."

PROPAGANDA

If the Belgrade citizen wants to take in a moving picture, he may find himself getting another dose of propaganda. One British-made film has been showing lately, a Serbo-Croat version of "Great Expectations." But the majority of other pictures are imported from Russia or the other satellite countries.

The Tito government plans to step up the trickle of locally-made films when its huge, \$20,000,000 movie city is finished in 1951. This project, on the outskirts of Belgrade, will cover 750 acres and calls for seven large sound stages. The plan is to produce at least 25 feature pictures and 50 short subjects a year.

Yugoslavia's capital boasts one night club, the Palace. It is a jammed, sweaty, smoke-filled sub-basement, hot as a Turkish bath, which offers a stamp-size dance floor and a nondescript orchestra. When I visited it, the patrons were stripped to their shirt sleeves and the waiters were making a gallant effort to look polished in spite of wilted boiled shirts and crumpled jackets.

One night club probably satisfies Belgrade's need. For to most residents—the office worker in western dress, the soldier in the street, the peasant in native costume—night means one thing: get ready for a long, hard day tomorrow.



The Yugoslav labourer: He works six days, then on Sunday he marches off to a day of volunteer labour.

GAME HUNTERS GET SET FOR NEW TIGER SEASON

By ROBERT BRANSON

THERE'S a frosty bite in the air these nights that sends a shiver up the spines of Hyderabad's big game hunters. The tiger season soon will be on.

Though the state's game laws set no definite season, hunters seldom stalk tigers before December or after June. During the other months, the jungles are drenched with monsoon rain and the foliage often is so thick you couldn't spot a tiger at three feet.

As usual, the season's most prized prey will be those deadliest of all tigers—the man-eaters.

Unlike most tigers, man-eaters prefer human flesh to all other prey. They lurk near roads and villages, and they can kill a person with two or three quick shakes that snap the spinal column.

Local hunters claim that Hyderabad's man-eaters are the shrewdest and fiercest in India. Country people credit them with supernatural powers and often desert whole villages when a man-eater invades their district.

A man-eater, they say, always places his victim face down on the ground. Villagers claim he does so because he sees the image of God in human faces. Hunters explain more simply that he always eats the buttocks first.

The man-eater reputedly picks his victims with the care of a gourmet. He kills more women than men, and prefers youth to age. It is said that

from a crowd of young women he invariably will pick the most attractive.

Sometimes the man-eater stalks a particular victim for weeks. But when he strikes, hunters say, he strikes with such speed that victims seldom see him.

"Like a bomb," one sportsman explains. "The deadliest bombs are the ones you never see or hear. It is the same with man-eaters."

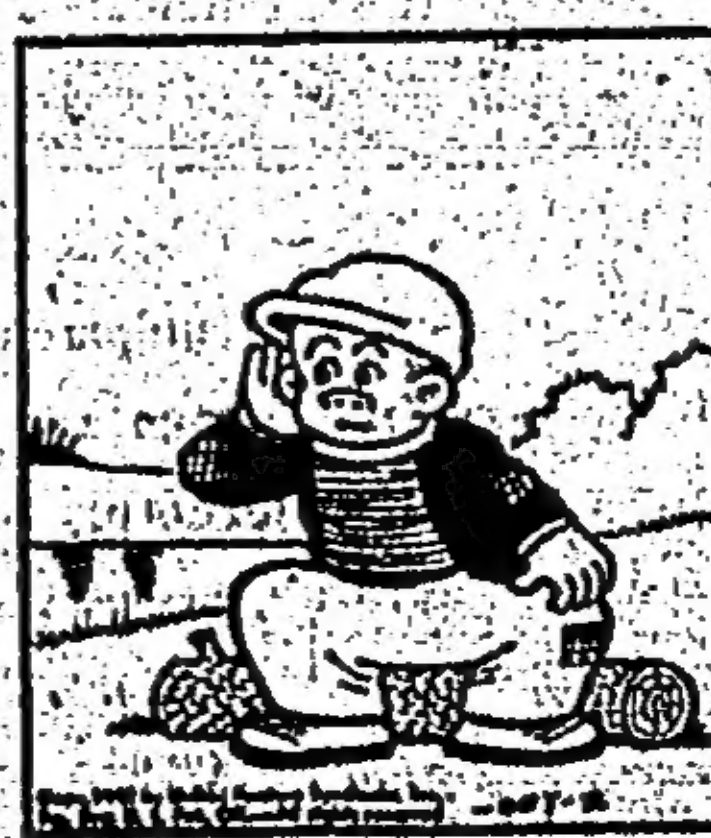
Hyderabad's most feared man-eater of recent years was "The Adilabad Phantom," an 11-foot female that devoured an estimated 300 people before being killed by a 300-calibre bullet into her brain this year. Mahabir of Adilabad said she was the reincarnation of a landowner who had been much hated in the district.

Tiger shooting styles vary throughout India. In the north, hunters shoot from chairs rigged on the backs of elephants. In other regions they lay elaborate camouflaged traps along jungle trails.

Most Hyderabad tiger hunters shoot from trees. Dressed in dark green or black, they perch themselves in special canvas hammocks slung about 20 feet above the ground, within short range of the carcass of a freshly killed animal.

Equipped with high velocity rifles, binoculars and flasks of coffee, they wait there for the faint telltale rustle of leaves that is one of the most dreaded sounds in India.

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By Ernie Bushmiller



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DISPUTE OVER PROPERTY

Yau Siu-yuet, alias Yau Po-cheuk, of 54 Queen's Road Central, defendant in the action for breach of warrant of title concerning 815 Reclamation Street, Kowloon, was cross-examined by Mr H. G. Sheldon, KC, before the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, at the Supreme Court this morning. Mr Sheldon, instructed by Mr G. S. Ford, is appearing for the plaintiff, Mrs Lee Yu-lee, of 3 Upper Lascar Row. Yau is represented by Mr Percy Chen, instructed by Mr A. el Arculli.

The statement of claim disclosed that in July, 1940, the defendant represented himself to be an agent of one Choy Chuen-kam by virtue of a Power of Attorney alleged to have been made by Choy on May 10, 1940, and whereby the defendant as such agent was authorised to sell property at 815 Reclamation Street, Kowloon, registered in the Land Office as K/L No. 3802 as the property of Choy.

On October 4, 1947, Choy, through his solicitors, Messrs Alford Hon and Co, repudiated the Power of Attorney and authority of the defendant to sell the property. Plaintiff claimed from the defendant damages for breach of warrant of authority assessed at \$23,000.

The defence claimed that the deposit of MY20,000 and balance of the purchase price MY130,000 were not paid the defendant but to Mr P. H. Sin, then in practice in Hongkong as a legal practitioner.

GENUINE INSTRUMENT

This morning, Mr Sheldon asked: Everybody concerned with the sale of the house, that is you, the plaintiff, Mr Peter Sin and the broker dealt with the matter on the basis that the Power of Attorney was a genuine instrument.

Witness: Yes.

And it must follow that you were the lawful attorney of Choy Chuen-kam to sell that house—Yes.

The Yen 150,000, who fixed that price?—It was my schoolmate Choy Yee-ping who asked for it.

That was the price that you asked for and that was the price that you got—Yes.

The Chief Justice: Seems to me to be an extraordinary good bargain.

Mr Sheldon: It was quite impossible to say what Yen 150,000 was valued in dollars in Hongkong at that time. People were willing to take what they could get in those hard times. There were some happy people who had gold cigarette cases and who got a lot of yen for them.

MADE NO PROTEST

Replying to Mr Sheldon, witness said that he made no protest against Mr Sin in this matter.

Mr Sheldon: You have no complaint now?—Certainly I do complain, in this way, in that he got the money. When it was paid to him I raised no objection but since he had not handed the money to me, I was dissatisfied.

But you agreed to a solicitor holding money for you. That is a normal procedure, is it not?—It was the suggestion of the plaintiff to pay the money to Mr Sin, without my consent.

But you agreed to that surely, didn't you?—When I asked that the deposit should be returned to the purchaser the purchaser refused to withdraw it and so Mr Sin made a suggestion that a deed should be drawn up first.

FORCED TO AGREE

That was before July 24 when Mr Sin received the Yen 150,000. Surely you agreed to that and made no protest?—I objected to the money being paid to Mr Sin and I requested the purchaser not to pay the money to him but Mr Sin then said, "Since the deed has been signed it means that the deal has been completed and in that case the money

cannot be handed over to you directly. It must be handed to me first as the solicitor." Therefore, the money went to him.

And you agreed to that Mr Yau?—I was forced to come to this agreement.

By whom?—Forced by both the purchaser and the solicitor.

I suggest that is wholly untrue and you know it is untrue—I do not know about the procedure concerning the sale of a house.

The Chief Justice: Were you forced at pistol point, or how?

Witness: Not at pistol point.

How?—The solicitor said that since I had signed the deed I must receive the money but it must be held by Mr Sin in the first instance. Mr Sin added that if the Japanese authorities recognised that the transaction was proper then and only then would he hand the money back to him.

Re-examined by Mr Chen, witness said that he had no reason to believe that the signatures on the Power of Attorney were not genuine. Witness added that all discussions were between Mr Sin, Yip Ying-to (husband of the plaintiff) and himself.

This closed the case for the defence.

Richard Lee, ARIBA, of Messrs Chiu and Lee, testified he had been in practice in the Colony as an architect for 17 years. Two years after the liberation he worked in the Government and then rejoined his firm. Between October 1948 and October 1947 the value of houses rose. The minimum market price for 315 Reclamation Street on October 4, 1947 (the date of repudiation of authority by Choy) was between \$23,000 and \$25,000. The rental was \$120 per month in 1945 and 1946, between \$145 and \$150 in 1947 and in January, 1948.

VERY LOW PRICE

Cross-examined by Mr Chen, witness said that if the house had been sold for \$10,000 actual price in October 1948 it would be a very low price.

Chief: If the man was selling that house at that time he should have got a higher price, according to you \$25,000?—Yes.

Replying further, witness said that he was interviewed during the Japanese occupation and, therefore, did not know the value of houses then.

Mr Chen: This rent which you described, was it not rent?—No, gross. The landlord would have to pay the rates. I don't think they pay for water now.

What would the deduction be?—Roughly twenty per cent.

It would be deducted from the rent?—Yes.

After submissions by Counsel, His Lordship reserved judgment.



There are varied expressions on the faces of these wives and children of army officers as they leave Shanghai, aboard the Army Transport General M. M. Patrick. They were ordered to be evacuated because the military situation in China has become critical.—AP Picture.

Belcher Gives Dramatic Evidence In Corruption Inquiry

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Mr Belcher replied "No" to these five questions:

"Have you ever received any money from Stanley?"

"Any loans from Stanley?"

"Monetary gifts?"

"Has Stanley ever made any investments for you?"

"Has he ever put any money into your pocket?"

Mr Belcher agreed that Stanley had phoned him practically every day, and that he had access to his office when Mr Belcher was not busy, but it was not true that Stanley could just walk into his office without asking for admission.

Mr Belcher added that Stanley's flat was a "fairly regular port of call" on his way home. He found Stanley a stimulating companion, a man full of ideas.

Mr Belcher said that in April 20 this year, he went to Stanley's flat and while he was there Sherman came in. "I was very annoyed at finding him there," Mr Belcher said. "I told him he had no right to meet me while this question (of prosecution) was outstanding and I left immediately."

Mr Belcher said that after persuasion by Stanley and by a Member of Parliament, he saw Sherman, who complained of his paper allocation.

Sherman confessed that he had exceeded his paper allocation and as a result the Board of Trade sent investigators to Sherman's office.

A Rufus Williams also contacted him about Sherman, Mr Belcher said. At one meeting, Williams said "I don't know what you are doing, but I am sure you are doing it wrong."

Mr Belcher then saw the Shermans. He also told him they had spoken to Stanley about the Board of Trade investigators sent to their office. Stanley had told them: "Don't worry, I will see that they are withdrawn."

Mr Belcher added: "I believe there was some further remark to the effect that if the investigators were not withdrawn, Mr Belcher would lose his job."

Mr Belcher said he told them he wondered that two otherwise acute business men should ever have thought for one moment such things were possible.

WENT ON HOLIDAYS

Mr Belcher agreed that he went away for a three-weeks' holiday after learning from Sherman of the allegations. He wanted time to think the matter over.

It was his intention to consult the President of the Board of Trade, Mr Harold Wilson, but he understood Mr Wilson was out of London during the first week after he returned from his holiday.

Eventually Mr Wilson called for him before he had a chance to request an interview.

The Attorney General suggested that Mr Belcher might have reported to the Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, or to Scotland Yard. Mr Belcher replied: "I felt the right person for me to talk to was the President of the Board of Trade. He was my immediate chief."

Mr Belcher said he did not appreciate there was any urgency as he did not know the Shermans had told anyone else of the allegations.

Replying to the Chairman of the Tribunal, Mr Belcher said he was not influenced by any desire to avoid an inquiry.

RATHER FACILE BRAIN

Questioned, Mr Belcher said that though he could not give a specific example of an idea which eventually turned itself into fact, it was possible that some of the things now being done emanated in the first place in the rather facile brain of Stanley.

Mr Belcher agreed that he had written to the Minister of Supply, Mr John Wilmot, suggesting that Stanley and his brother, Marcus Wulman, might assist in getting American steel supplies.

The Attorney General remarked that this matter eventually reached the stage of a report dated July, 1947, quoted at the inquiry yesterday, that Marcus Wulman was "an unmitigated rascal."

Mr Belcher said he had not heard of that until yesterday.

"Remembering it is a great pity that you did not have that information

earlier," the Attorney General told the Tribunal there was no written record of this report being communicated to Mr Belcher.

Speaking of the stay by Mr Belcher and his family at a Margate hotel when Stanley paid part of the bill, the Attorney General suggested it might have occasioned an invitation from "this gentleman of foreign nationality and an assumed name."

Mr Belcher said that if he had known it was a gentleman of foreign nationality and an assumed name he would not have accepted. It was a case of being wise after the event.

Stanley first invited his family to stay at his home in Margate but subsequently changed the arrangements so that the Belchers stayed at a hotel and Stanley was to pay the bill.

"I demonstrated with him because I saw a great deal of difference between staying at a man's house and staying at a hotel at his expense," Mr Belcher said.

He caused laughter when he added: "But as you may have learned, Mr Attorney, Stanley is not an easy man to argue with and I accepted his hospitality."

The Tribunal then adjourned.—Reuter.

Bevin Opens Foreign Affairs Debate In Commons

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Great progress, he said, had been made with the drawing up of an occupation statute. "It will lay down the obligations of the Germans and the limitations of the occupying powers," he said.

"We have been conscious the whole time that if ever Western Union is to be consolidated, then Germany must play a part and, in the end, it must be an equal part," he said.

The first essential was to see that the Ruhr did not again endanger the security of the West.

AUSTRIA

Mr Bevin turned on the question of Austria, saying that Britain had readily agreed to an Austrian request to take up negotiations for a peace treaty.

"I do not think that Austria ought not to be left as she is at the present," he added. "It is unfair to her. May I pay her this compliment. Her people are working hard, her economy is very good in the circumstances, and she is trying to do a great job under the most difficult conditions."

"I think it is only fair that the four great powers should try to settle matters and get the troops out and allow her to have her freedom in accordance with the solemn understanding made by Mr Churchill in Moscow in 1943."

Whatever difficulties the great powers may have between themselves it is rather sad to visit these quarrels on smaller powers, Mr Bevin said.

The Foreign Secretary reported that rapid progress has been achieved on the political aspects of Western Union.

He emphasised, as "absolutely fundamental" the establishment of a common Command and the Permanent Organisation of the supply of materials of defence.

NATLANTIC PACT

Mr Bevin continued: "If we reach a successful conclusion of our discussions on the North Atlantic Pact, and I have every confidence in believing that we shall, such a pact will mean that an important area of the world will have the opportunity of entering into a system of collective security."

"But what is more important, it will give confidence, particularly to the Western European powers. I know nothing which will give us a chance to aid the age-long struggle between Germany and France as much as this Atlantic Pact and guarantee the confidence of France for the future."

"Before many years it will be found that the Defence Ministers and the Finance Ministers of the Western world will be sitting down, discussing a common budget, a common task and a common method of defence in order that they can protect themselves and carry on the resources of their countries."

Mr Bevin referred to the discussion in the Italian Parliament in which he said the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister had both made statements identifying Italy with the cause of Western democracy.

"We added: 'We welcome these statements and look forward to early association with Italy in this work.'"

The Foreign Secretary also said: "I will now comment on another international organisation which is giving us great concern."

"The United Nations is giving us great concern as to whether it is going to face up to grave problems at all."

Mr Bevin stated that arrangements had been completed for setting up a military security board, agreed in principle in London last summer, to prevent German rearmament.

"If we can create a security board established on a proper footing, with all the requisite powers of inspection, we shall have created the essential condition of European security, so far as Germany is concerned," he said.

Stressing the need for collaboration of the Commonwealth, Mr Bevin said: "It is a combination of Western Union with these great countries of the Commonwealth which is bound to be a stabilising influence in the world."

"I understand that on Western Union there was complete understanding at the Commonwealth Conference—but not on the idea of a European Assembly."

"We must not commit them to this or to any form it would take."

—Reuter.

"MAJOR VICTORY" CLAIMED

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supplying Nationalist forces at undisclosed points, reported to be all along the Fongpu-Huachow battle-front.

Before the Government clamped down on the release of information, on air-drops, one company spokesman revealed that it was operating 10 planes in the area.

This fleet operating out of Nanking was expected to complete 30 air-drops each day.

The best estimates available last night showed that up to 25 airplanes are now engaged in air-drops. Their peak capacity was given as 75 flights daily.

ADVANTAGEOUS TERRAIN

Changshington, offers the sole remaining "advantageous" natural defensive terrain to the Nationalists and at the same time offers safe guards for the Peiping-Hankow railway from the southwest.

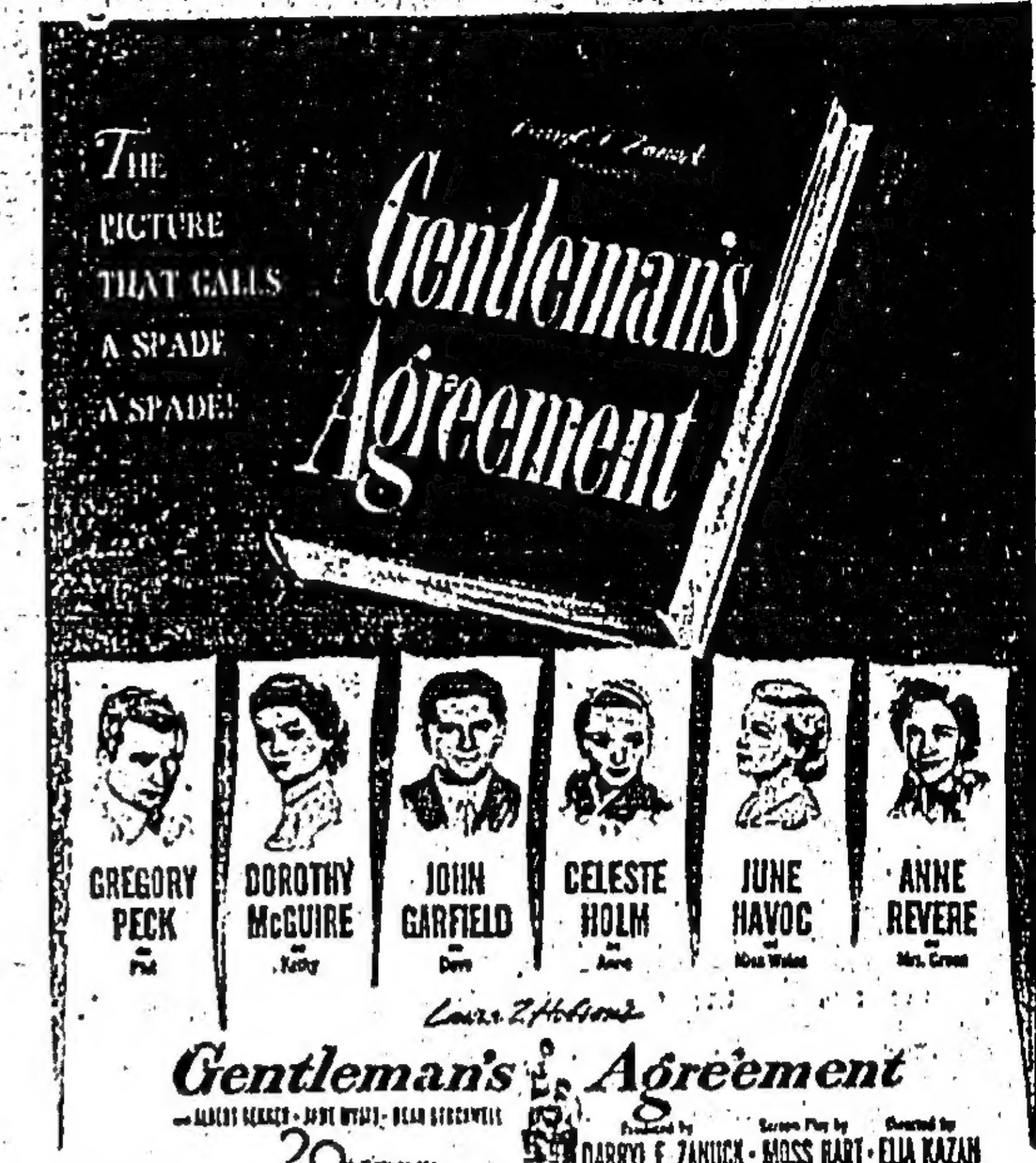
The Nationalists, in addition, have withdrawn from Hsingsheng, a city to the east of the Peiping-Hankow line, roughly 55 miles to the south of Peiping and level with Tientsin.

"It has been under attack, according to no-Government reports, since the Peiping-Hankow railway office at Peiping was the scene of an explosion yesterday afternoon when a furnace boiler, recently installed, was blasted, killing instantly two workers, seriously wounding three others, and slightly wounding a fourth, school-children.—Reuter.

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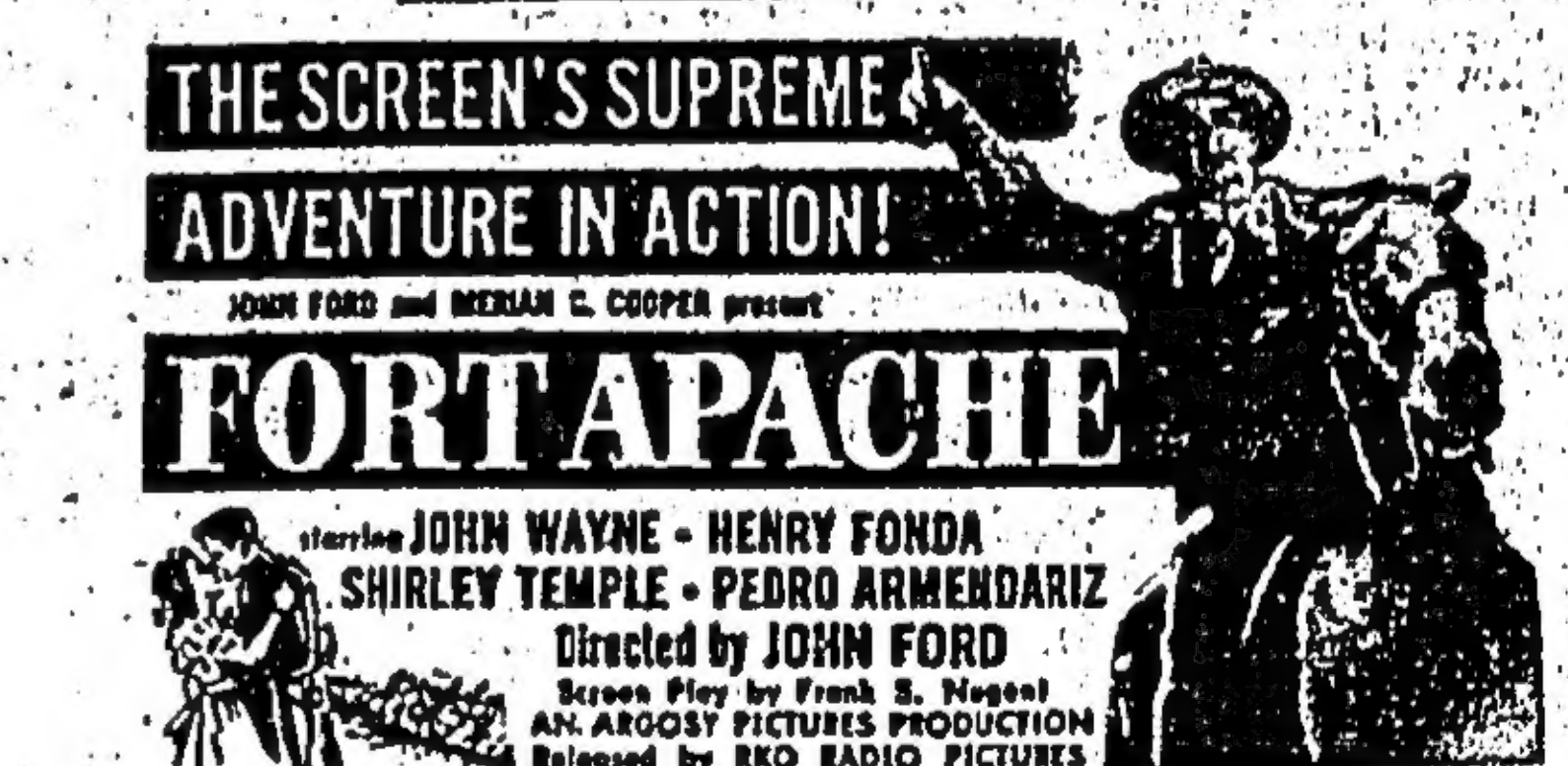
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

Closing Times By Air

Shanghai, 2.30 a.m. (reg.) 8 a.m. (ord.)
Swatow and Amoy, 8 a.m. (reg.) 9.30 a.m. (ord.)
Manila, 11.30 a.m.
Amoy, 11.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Peiping, Swatow, Amoy, and Taipei, 2.30 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea

Bangkok, Mauritius, Mombasa & South Africa via Durban, 10 a.m.

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Programme Summary: 6.01, Children's Hour: "Dragon Smoke Island" by Barbra Twist (Studio); 6.30, Cantonese by Radio given by Miss Lee Kai Len and B. K. Lee (Studio); 6.50, Duke Ellington and His Orchestra; 7.15, "Sports Review" (Studio); 7.30, "Have a Go" A Quiz Programme by Wilfred Pickles (DECTS); 8. From the Editor's "Faust" (London Relay); 8.10, Gounod; "Faust" Act 3. With Principals Chorus and Members of the Orchestra of Paris Opera, conducted by Henri Dussan; 9. "Tartarin" (Studio); 9.30, "Music of the People" International Orchestra; 10.15, "Weather Report" 10.15, "Sweet Serenade" (Studio); 11. "Think on These Things" (DECTS); 11.15, Weather Report and "Close Down".

Taiwan, Hsinchu and Peking via Linhai, Noon.

Canton, Madras, Aden and Bombay via 8 p.m. (Studio); 8.30, "Music of the People" International Orchestra; 9.30, "Have a Go" A Quiz Programme by Wilfred Pickles (DECTS); 10.15, "Weather Report and 'Close Down'".

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NEW BILL SEEN AS A THREAT TO AUST'N RADIO

Commercial Stations To Come Under Control

Canberra, Australia, Dec. 9.—A Labour government bill proposing radical control of Australian broadcasting is bitterly condemned by opposition members as "nationalisation of the air."

The far-reaching bill will set up an independent three-man board to cut over-long commercials, see that programmes have variety, allow enough time for religious broadcasts and give "balanced hearings" to political views and controversial subjects.

Critics say this means control of both privately-owned commercial stations relying on advertising, and government stations under the Australian Broadcasting Commission.

A government amendment gives the ABC control over broadcasting of political and controversial matter on its stations because "the ABC has been fair in the past in giving free time for political parties."

Opposition members charge that the bill gives power to a Minister to run the board and suppress hostile political broadcasts. Acting Opposition leader E. J. Harrison predicted that Immigration and Information Minister Arthur Calwell will control the Board and "it will fall to his lot to drag down to a common platform, as he threatened to drag down the free press of the Commonwealth."

GOVERNMENT PATTERN

Sen. Annabelle Rankin has denounced the bill as an effort to force broadcasting into a government pattern which was a step towards a totalitarian state, opening the way for government propaganda.

Prime Minister Joseph Chifley has flatly denied this.

Postmaster-General Donald Cameron when introducing the bill said the government-general would appoint the board, and its staff would be public servants. He said the board would not have autocratic powers and commercial and ABC delegates would sit in on programme changing discussions.

He claimed some stations had not reached standards lately but that the board would not expect checks against poor programmes. Admitting advertising revenue was the life-blood of commercial stations, but bluntly claiming profit motive should come after public responsibility, Mr. Cameron accused larger sponsors of commercial stations of often moulding programmes to their own and not the public's interest.

He pointed out the Post Office controlled broadcasting in the past, but now a board concentrating solely on that was needed. In other countries, including U.S., a specialised body had control.

He said the board would prevent unnecessary duplication of news and feature reports.

Sen. A. K. Armour added it might affect present commercial stations which sandwiched programmes between race descriptions.

The violently debated issue of screening political broadcasts has centred on Opposition-sponsored "John Henry Austral" political dramatization aimed against the present government. Government members have described these broadcasts as "filthy" and "without ethics, dishonest way."

VOICES DUBBED

They condemn them because they dub in voices of Ministers with statements the Ministers allegedly never made. Mr. Calwell said one broadcast simulated the Army Minister, Mr. Cyril Chambers who was dramatised making remarks "he would never think of saying." Another during wartime elections when Labour was heading the war effort gave a German-voice saying the Labour Party would never interfere in Germany.

Postmaster-General Cameron admitted while he let the broadcast continue, he was surprised at the leniency. Several years ago when Opposition was in power the then Postmaster-General, Mr. A. G. Cameron, cut a Sydney Labour Party station off the air for a "lying" broadcast.

Mr. Cameron recently dramatically voted with the government in support of the bill. "I believe there are some features of the bill which should become law, even if the Opposition becomes government."

"It would be in the interest of clean politics if political dramatizations were banned altogether."

Commented the Sydney Morning Herald, "The government is banning a series of broadcasts which have got under its political skin."

SCATHING EDITORIAL

In a scathing editorial, the Sydney Morning Herald, "Despite all the shuffling explanations the Broadcasting bill smacks of Fascist design. No government can afford to be accused of suppression and it is a pity wiser councils in the Labour Party have not prevailed."

"It is not a question of whether the broadcasts are fair or unfair. In a democratic country, stifling criticism, whether by tyrannical censorship, by force or in any other way, is as heinous to the people."

Mr. Calwell has flatly declared that the board will not stop a person attacking a member of Parliament or policy if the person is identified and takes responsibility for it.

Mr. J. E. Ridley, president of the Federation of Commercial Broadcasting Stations said in a statement, "My Federation has no objection to the principle of a Broadcasting Board. Indeed, we ourselves advocated some years ago the establishment of a separate board to supervise broadcasting."

But he said present control of political broadcasting was not clearly enough defined and appeared unduly restrictive.

The Broadcasting Bill follows attempted government nationalisation of the private banks.—United Press.

PROFESSOR'S WARNING

San Francisco, Dec. 9.—The human race may be unfavourably changed in future generations because of present day use of radioactivity in medical treatment, Professor Herman J. Muller warned today.

Professor Muller, Nobel Prize winning geneticist at the University of Indiana, said fluoroscopic radioactive isotopes, X-ray machines and X-ray machines are combining to increase sharply the chances of genetic injury. He said even a routine examination of a woman's abdomen by fluoroscopy means a 10 percent chance of handicapping and killing one of her descendants—perhaps hundreds of years hence.

The professor said if X-ray examination or treatment were necessary special care should be taken to shield the glands.

He said routine fluoroscopic examination sends more high energy radiation in a person's body than he received in an entire lifetime a century ago from natural radiation from the earth. Yet this examination may some day mean that a yet to be born person may be crippled, sterile or die in his mother's womb because of injury to her genes.

United Press.

Savage Typhoon

Manila, Dec. 10.—The typhoon, Beverly, which lashed Northern Luzon on Wednesday, caused at least five deaths and widespread but unestimated damage and destruction, according to reports received in Manila.

Beverly cut a wide destructive path from the Pacific side of Luzon to the China Sea side, causing floods in many areas.

Three persons were reported drowned in the Cagayan River while two others were drowned at La Union.—United Press.

Receive Prizes Today



Here are three Nobel prize winners for 1948 who will receive their awards in Stockholm today. Left to right they are Prof. Arne Tiselius (chemistry prize), Prof. Patrick M. S. Blackett (physics) and T. S. Eliot (literature).—AP Picture.

Truman Resumes Feud With UN-American Activities Committee

Washington, Dec. 9.—President Truman and members of the House Un-American Activities Committee resumed their feud today over the Committee's Communist spy investigation.

President Truman repeated his charge that the Committee investigation of Communism in the Government is a red herring. He also told a news conference that he thought the investigators were out after headlines.

Two Republican members of the Committee, acting Chairman Karl Mundt and Representative Richard Nixon countered with charges that President Truman is "continuing to obstruct the Committee," and his statement constitutes a "flagrant flouting of the national interest of the people."

Sun Fo Has Bedside Conference

Shanghai, Dec. 10.—Chinese political circles in Shanghai hinted today that China's new Premier Sun Fo has been conducting a conference from his bed, where he is convalescing from a foot operation, on the formation of a new cabinet.

During the huddle yesterday Sun was said to have offered Cabinet posts to such party government veterans as Chang Chun, former Premier, Wu Teh-ching, Secretary General of the Central Committee of the Kuomintang, Wong Wen-hao, former Premier, Chen Li-fu, vice-president of the Legislative Yuan, Shao Li-tze, one time Ambassador to Moscow and Chang Chi-chung, the Generalissimo's representative in northwest China.

Shao and Chang are understood to favour a renewal of an effort for some sort of coalition with the Communists; the others are all opposed.

All six declined posts but promised "to help outside the government."

Conferences were still in progress today. Sun reportedly intends to return to Nanking on December 13 to assume office on the 15th.

One report emanating from his sickroom conference was that if he did not shortly succeed in forming a Cabinet which would include all party government, factions he would immediately resign.—Associated Press.

Election In N. Ireland Likely

Belfast, Dec. 9.—A general election in Northern Ireland is now almost certain to follow the inauguration of the Eire Republic on January 10.

It is known that the Prime Minister, Sir Basil Brooke, plans an early demonstration of Ulster's will to remain as part of the United Kingdom and Parliament is expected to be dissolved as soon as the present business has been completed.

Eire's secession from the Commonwealth and renewed attacks on partition are regarded as making the election the most important since 1921.

The Unionist Party at present holds 35 of the 52 seats in the House of Commons and has support on the constitutional issue from three other members.

An increase in its majority is anticipated.—Reuter.

Fire Destroys 11 Manila Stores

Manila, Dec. 10.—A general alarm fire razed 11 business establishments in one of downtown Manila's shopping centres last night, causing an estimated 200,000-peso loss in buildings and merchandise. Nobody was reported injured.

The origin of the short-lived but spectacular blaze has not been determined.—United Press.

CHALLENGES WAR CRIMES LAW

Jap General's Petition

Manila, Dec. 10.—Former Lieut-General Shigenori Kuroda of the Japanese Army, who is scheduled to be arraigned before a Military Commission on war crimes charges on Monday, made a bid for freedom by asking the Supreme Court to prevent the Commission from proceeding with his case.

Counsel for the former commander-in-chief of the Imperial Japanese forces in the Philippines, in a petition filed with the Supreme Court yesterday, challenged the constitutionality of the law creating a national war crime office and the legality of the order issued by the armed forces' Chief of Staff appointing a commission to try Kuroda.

SCOPE OF PETITION

The petition also assailed the basis in law of American participation in the Kuroda case and the appointment of two American lawyers from SCAP as prosecutors of the American phase of the case.

Kuroda is charged with command responsibility for war crimes committed by forces under his command against American prisoners of war and thousands of Filipino civilians. The Commission which is to try him is headed by Brig-General Calizlo Duque, deputy Chief of Staff of the armed forces.

Kuroda's petition named as respondents Major-General Rafael Jolandoni, armed forces Chief of Staff, the entire Commission and the American prosecutors, S. Melville Hussey and Robert Port of SCAP's Legal Section. Kuroda's lawyers are Captain Pedro Serran, Captain Jose Lukban and Lieutenant Liberto Cinco, all war veterans.

CONSTITUTION VIOLATED

The petition challenged the law creating the war crimes office as illegal on the grounds that it violated constitutional provisions and "local laws." It said the special order appointing American prosecutors violated the Philippine Constitution because it was tantamount to granting the United States "certain extraterritorial rights" not enjoyed by the Philippines in the United States.

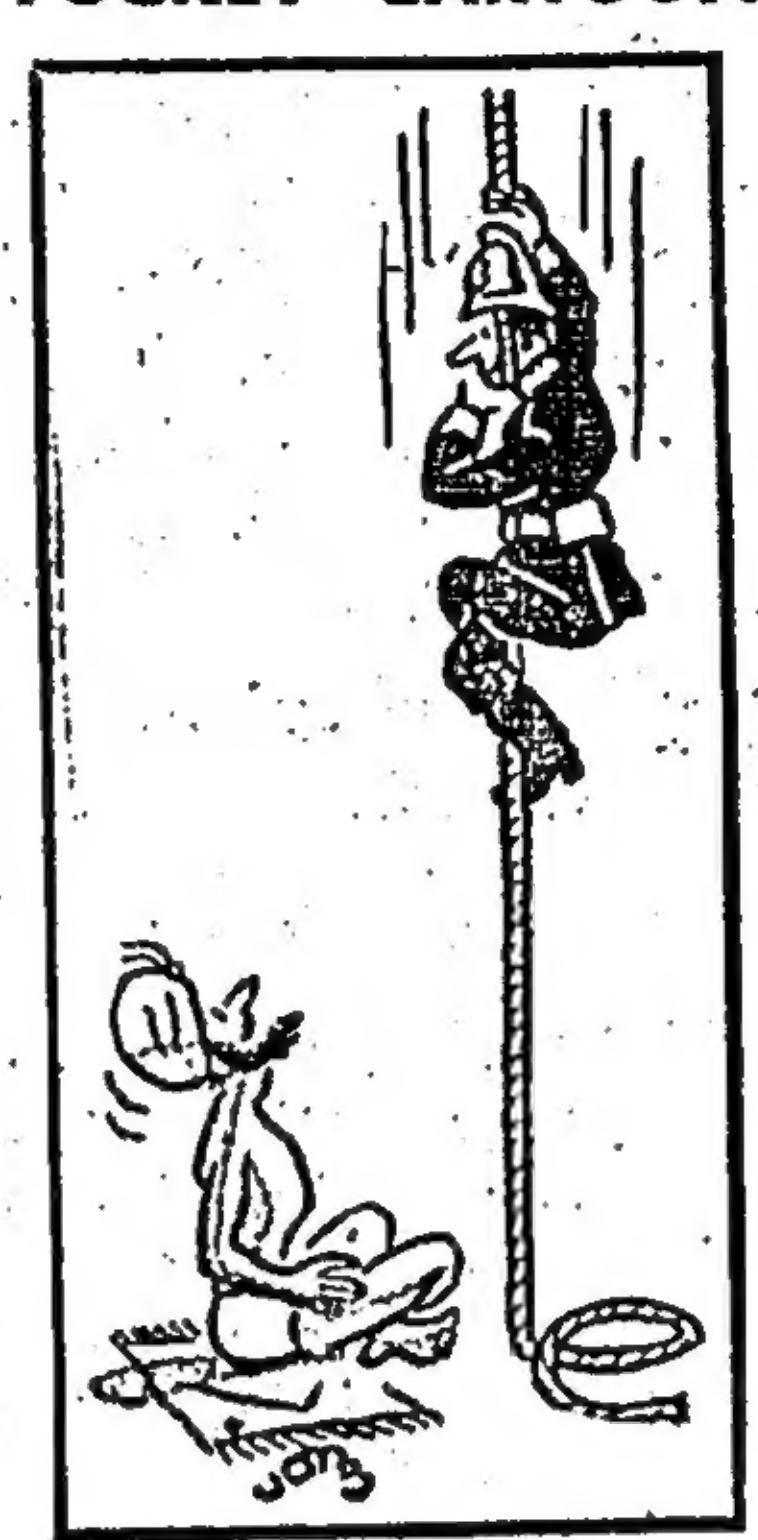
The petition asked the Court to declare the Military Commission "without jurisdiction to try the herein petitioner" and for an injunction prohibiting the respondents from proceeding with the case.—United Press.

Request Reopening Of Pipeline

London, Dec. 9.—Britain, the United States and France have asked the Government of Iraq to reopen the Haifa pipeline, a Foreign Office spokesman said today. So far no reply has been received from Baghdad. The Government of Iraq cut off supplies of oil through the pipeline during the fighting in Palestine last summer when Jewish installations in Haifa fell into Israeli hands.

The supply of oil through Haifa is considered to be of crucial importance to the European Recovery Programme.—Reuter.

POCKET CARTOON



HUNGARIAN PREMIER RESIGNS

Bows To Criticism

Budapest, Dec. 9.—The Hungarian Prime Minister, M. Lajos Dinnyes, resigned today. His resignation followed criticism yesterday by his party, the Hungarian Smallholders, whose Political Bureau said the party "would have to be purged of unstable elements."

Negotiations for his successor were going on this evening.

Aged 47 years old, M. Dinnyes was appointed Prime Minister on May 31, 1947, after the flight from Hungary of M. Ferenc Nagy, then Prime Minister.

The Smallholders Party was recently shaken by the resignation while in Switzerland of the Finance Minister, M. Miklos Nyardy, who belonged to the rightwing of the party.

M. Istvan Doby, Minister of Agriculture and President of the Smallholders Party, described the action of M. Nyardy as "shocking."

"It might well undermine confidence in the party," he said.

PROBABLE PREMIER

M. Doby is expected to become Premier in succession to M. Dinnyes. M. Doby has long been prominent in the Smallholders leftwing. M. Dinnyes was regarded by leftwing members as a representative of the "kulaks" (rich peasants)—now barred from Hungarian co-operative boards.

The entire Cabinet formally resigned today but the future Premier who is expected to be named tomorrow, is not likely to make major changes when he chooses his Cabinet.

The purge of the Smallholders of "bourgeois and kulak elements," announced yesterday, had already begun, it was learned today.

It was understood that at least eight Smallholders deputies would be deprived of their mandates when the Party's Parliamentary Group met tonight.

M. Dinnyes told a meeting of the Party's Parliamentary Group tonight that the party's leadership's right to a special communiqué issued by the party leaders.

He was said to have admitted that he had been guilty of lack of contact with the party and the mass of the working people.—Reuter.

ABDULLAH SENDS HIS GREETINGS

Amman, Dec. 9.—King Abdullah of Transjordan, who began his three-day tour of Palestine today, sent greetings to the Pope when he met the Papal representative at Bethlehem.

Church bells pealed in greeting when the King visited two Moslem villages—Azzra (the Biblical Bethany) and Beit Sahur, five kilometres east of Jerusalem and three kilometres east of Bethlehem respectively.—Reuter.

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